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FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS ADVISER

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SUBJECT: GOM REQUEST FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS INFORMATION

1. GOM HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO PROVIDE ON AN URGENT BASIS INFORMATION ON U.S. LAWS AND ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH CONSUMER AFFAIRS. INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR USE IN DRAFTING A CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE MALTESE PARLIAMENT ABOUT APRIL 1.

2. SPECIFICALLY, GOM HAS ASKED FOR TEXT OF U.S. FEDERAL LAWS (OR, ALTERNATIVELY, REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF STATE LAWS IF FEDERAL LAW NOT APPLICABLE) ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

(A) INSTALLMENT PURCHASES (E.G., "TRUTH IN LENDING");

(B) CONSUMER PROTECTION (E.G., ADVERTISING CONTROLS, PRICE CONTROLS, PRODUCT SAFETY, ETC.).

3. IN ADDITION, GOM ALSO HAS REQUESTED DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE "RALPH NADER ORGANIZATION."
(COMMENT: GOM IS FULLY AWARE THAT THIS IS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION WITHOUT OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP, BUT GOM WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON HOW IT FUNCTIONS WITHIN UNCLASSIFIED

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U.S. SOCIETY. END COMMENT).

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT SENDING
ANY AVAILABLE MATERIAL ON THESE SUBJECTS TO
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